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SUBJ: FURTHER GOS REFLECTIONS ON RAZAK VISIT

REF: SINGAPORE 4439 AND 4440

1. PERMSEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS BOGAARS REITERATED TO AMBASSADOR AND DCM NOVEMBER 22 THAT RAZAK VISIT HAD GONE EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. HE NOTED THAT RAZAK HAD GROWN CONSIDERABLY IN STATURE OVER THE YEARS AND SEEMED MUCH MORE CONFIDENT AND SURE OF HIMSELF THAN IN PAST. HE TREATED LEE AS HIS INTELLECTUAL EQUAL AND SPOKE WITH CALM ASSURANCE ON ALL SUBJECTS.

2. LEE HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT RAZAK WOULD RAISE SEVERAL SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE EXACERBATED GOS-GOM RELATIONSHIPS OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, AND HAD BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WHEN RAZAK INDICATED THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE HANDLED AT MINISTERIAL OR LOWER LEVEL. THERE WOULD THEREFORE BE MANY MORE VISITS BACK AND FORTH BY MINISTERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS. BOGAARS PRO-
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FESSED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF LEE'S PRIVATE TWO HOUR

TALK WITH RAZAK, BUT SAID THAT IN EARLIER MEETING AT WHICH SOME OFFICIALS PRESENT RAZAK HAD COMMENTED THAT MALAYSIA HAD BEEN FORMED IN 1963 WITHOUT ADEQUATE STUDY OF ALL THE PROBLEMS WHICH EVENTUALLY LED TO SEPARATION. RAZAK CLEARLY FELT, AS DID GOS, THAT SUCCESSION OF ACTIONS SINCE SEPARATION BREAKING ECONOMIC AND OTHER LINKS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WAS ESSENTCPL TO IMPROVE RELATIONS SINCE EXISTENCE OF THESE LINKS HAD LED TO MAJOR CONTROVERSIES CONCERNING THEIR OPERATION.

3. BOGAARS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF ADMONITION GIVEN BY BOTH PRIME MINISTERS TO THEIR SUBORDINATES TO STOP COMPETITIVE ONE-UP-MANSHIP AND TO COOPERATE IN SOLVING BILATERAL PROBLEMS. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD EVENTUALLY BEAR FRUIT, BUT IT WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME SINCE MALAYSIAN CIVIL SERVANTS ARE LESS RESPONSIVE TO DIRECTIVES FROM THE TOP THAN THEIR SINGAPORE COUNTERPARTS WHO 'JUMP WHEN THE PM TELLS THEM TO DO SOMETHING."

4. IN SEPARATE CALL BY AMBASSADOR AND DCM ON MALAYSIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, ABDULLAH BIN ALI (WHOM BOGAARS PRAISED FOR BEING INSTRUMENTAL IN PROMOTING BETTER GOM/GOS RELATIONS), ABDULLAH AGREED VISIT HAD BEEN A SUCCESS AND THAT NEW SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION HAD DEVELOPED AS RESULT. HE NOTED THAT LEE HAD BEEN THE PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO CLOSE RELATIONS IN THE PAST, AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE FEW PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE AS LONG AS LEE CONTINUED IN THIS FRAME OF MIND.

5. BOTH BOGAARS AND ABDULLAH AGREED THAT GREATER GOM/GOS COOPERATION ON DEFENSE MATTERS WAS DESIRABLE BUT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME TO DEVELOP.
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